

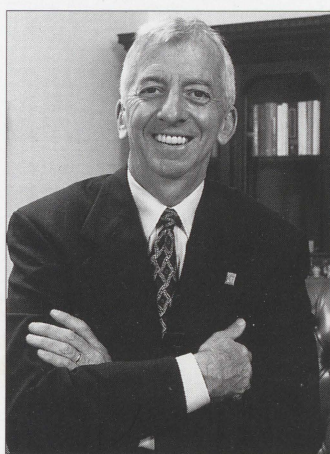


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STRAIGHT TALK

President I. King Jordan provides insights on Gallaudet's restructuring program



President I. King Jordan

Q: What made you decide to radically restructure the University at this time?

A: It was not a matter of suddenly deciding to restructure. We have been moving toward this moment for several years, due both to external and internal factors. Rapid advances in technology, increased access for deaf people, changes in federal and state laws, and shifts in the demographics of the nation's deaf and hard of hearing population have, and will continue to have, an enormous impact on Gallaudet. In order to respond quickly and successfully to these and other external realities, in 1995 we initiated a strategic planning process to help us better channel our resources so that our ultimate goal, improved student learning, is achieved. Restructuring is an important part of that planning

process.

Q: The new plan seems very complex. When will the changes take place?

A: It may seem complex, but it's quite simple: the number of vice presidents has been reduced from four to two, the number of separate schools and colleges has also been reduced, and some units are being moved to eliminate duplication of effort and to guarantee the integration of important functions. Some of these changes will take place as soon as I discuss the overall restructuring plan with the Board of Trustees at its meeting in mid-May. Others will require more time because they involve finding the right people for the right jobs. Everything should be in place by January 1, 2001.

Q: What if down the road you discover that one or another part of the restructuring plan doesn't work the way you intended?

A: We'll fix it. It's important to remember that strategic planning is anything but static. It is on-going, flexible, and quick to respond to internal and external considerations. Today's educational environment of constant change demands a structure that is streamlined, focused, and nimble. I believe our new structure fits this description. **G**

Faculty panel discusses classroom 'engagement'

By Todd Byrd

Many of us who are of a 'certain age' can recall when we were in school, the typical classroom format was a teacher standing in front of a blackboard, spewing out facts and figures that we retained in our memory banks long enough to take an exam, and then promptly forgot.

Thankfully, times have changed. Today, effective teachers employ a variety of interactive methods that get students involved in the learning process and lead them to be vital participants in the classroom; for example, giving presentations, leading discussions, and role playing.

Some of the innovative tech-

niques that maximize the classroom experience were explored April 5 by a panel of noted Gallaudet educators: Willy Conley, an assistant professor in the Theatre Arts Department; Muriel Strassler, an assistant professor in the Communication Arts Department; Florence Vold, an assistant professor in the Mathematics Department; and Dr. Barbara Hardaway, a professor in the English Department.

The presentation, entitled "Getting Engaged in the Classroom," was part of the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series. It was moderated by last year's recipient of the award, Dr.

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Agnes Sutcliffe takes her station at the GUAA booth during the March 22 Grad Fest, where prospective graduates were able to make arrangements for commencement and get more information about activities relating to their upcoming graduation.

Campus forum shares information on cochlear implants

By Dr. James Mahshie and Debra Nussbaum

Professionals representing a variety of units at Gallaudet gathered at the Conference Center March 24 to share information about cochlear implant technology on Kendall Green and develop strategies for future collaboration. The forum, which was sponsored by the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, the School of Communication, and the Graduate School and Research, emerged out of a grassroots effort to bring campus professionals together to discuss the topic.

Presentations during the morning session included a description of current research activities, academic and other service activities for those with cochlear implants on campus, how information on cochlear implants is being incorporated into courses taught at Gallaudet, and a discussion of how the deaf community is currently responding to the issue of cochlear implants. In the afternoon, Graduate School and Research Dean Thomas Allen provided a glimpse at data

from a recently completed survey of parents with children who have received cochlear implants. The final portion of the forum involved brainstorming sessions to identify needs and strategies for future collaborations related to the teaching and provision of services to deaf students with cochlear implants, research needs, and the inclusion of information on implants in the curricula of professional training programs.

All of the participants agreed that the forum provided a solid beginning, and there was a general consensus that future meetings to enhance awareness and collaboration would be beneficial.

The proceedings from the day and the outcome of the brainstorming sessions are being drafted and will be available to the campus community. For additional information or for inclusion in future meetings, contact Debra Nussbaum, chair of the Clerc Center's Cochlear Implant Task Force, at x5607, or Dr. James Mahshie, chair of the University's Department of Audiology and Speech, at x5329. **G**



(From left): Dr. Rosemary Weller, Distinguished Faculty Member for 1999, poses a question to faculty panelists Willy Conley, Muriel Strassler, Florence Vold, and Dr. Barbara Hardaway at the April 5 presentation "Getting Engaged in the Classroom."



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunty,

I have two kids, ages 9 and 7. Last winter when we had a couple of snowstorms that closed schools, I had to bring the kids to work with me. They are too young to stay home alone and too old to go to CDC. Fortunately, my office has an area with a TV so the kids watched videos and cartoons all day while I did my work. I appreciate the fact that my supervisor lets me bring the kids here (I know a lot of employers don't), but I hate it that the kids are cooped up watching TV all day. I sure wish the University would provide some kind of camp on days when the schools close due to weather.

Concerned Daddy

Dear Daddy,

It occurs to me that this would be an excellent project for the Staff Advisory Council to sponsor. I recommend that you approach the SAC chair, Agnes Muse, and ask her advice on how best to gain the group's endorsement. Before you do that, however, try to find out how many children would attend the camp. Are we talking 15 or 50? (I'm sure the dear editor of this fine newsletter would give you a wee space in which to ask for readers' input.) The number of children will determine the extent of University resources that will be required. Then, working with SAC, develop a "modest proposal," one that presents creative and cost-effective possibilities. For example, perhaps faculty/staff volunteers might take two hours of annual leave to serve on a rotating basis as counselors throughout the snow day. Good luck!

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at public.relations. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.

College Bowl roster announced



The 2000 Gallaudet College Bowl team poses in front of Chapel Hall: (from left) Sara Robinson, Allison Polk, Christian Wojner, Jason Lamberton, Chris Kaftan, and coach Bob Weinstock.

By David Tossman
College Bowl coach Bob Weinstock has named the four players and one alternate for the team that will represent Gallaudet in Norfolk, Va., at the competition in July which takes place at the NAD convention.

The team captain is senior Christian Wojner, a government major from Syracuse, N.Y. The other team members are junior Jason Lamberton, a computer science major from Fremont, Calif.; freshman Allison Polk, a journalism major from Damascus, Md.; and junior Sara Robinson, from Chula Vista, Calif., who has not declared a major but is leaning towards history. The alternate for the team is junior Chris Kaftan, a history and secondary education major from Woodstock, N.Y.

Wojner was on the Gallaudet team that won the 1998 College Bowl, and Robinson was on the California School for the Deaf-Riverside Academic Bowl team that won the national championship in 1997. Polk was captain of the Maryland School for

the Deaf Academic Bowl team that came in second in 1998. Lamberton was on the CSD-Fremont Academic Bowl team in 1997, and has Academic Bowl written all over his family. His father coaches the Academic Bowl team at Fremont, and his brother, Jonathan, was on the Gallaudet College Bowl teams in 1996 and 1998.

The players are always in training. They say they are always reading books, newspapers, magazines, and watching TV and movies. Said Polk, "What we compete with at the NAD College Bowl is our cumulative knowledge. No amount of cramming is guaranteed to help us."

Look for Polk to answer the math questions because she is the only team member who does not consider it his or her least favorite category. Wojner and Kaftan hope to get a lot of history questions because these are their favorite categories.



Clerc Center hosts national training course for Shared Reading Project

By Susan M. Flanigan
The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center recently hosted the Shared Reading Project (SRP) "Keys to Success: Training for Site Coordinators" for representatives from 14 schools and programs around the country at the Conference Center to set up their own SRP. The project brings together deaf tutors with families of young deaf and hard of hearing children to encourage early literacy, and to share the joys of reading using sign language.

"The training program was a resounding success, according to our participant surveys," said Janne Harrelson, director of the Clerc Center's Office of Training and Professional Development. "Keys to Success" gave them all they needed to know to get start-

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Rosemary Weller, chair of Communication Arts.

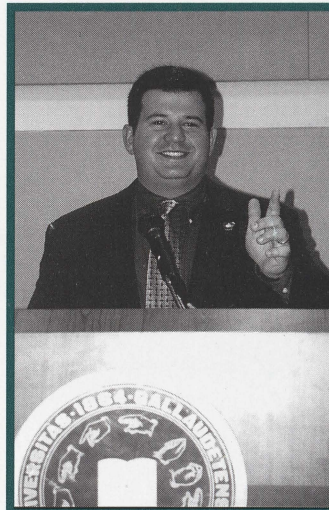
All of the panelists agreed that students and teachers need to "meet half way" for learning to be most effective. Dr. Hardaway said that today's classroom, with its diverse students, is a "cultural experience" in which everyone—herself included—benefits. "I don't feel like I need to know everything. So I'm freer to listen" and to learn.

The panelists emphasized that Gallaudet's acceptance of various communication styles is reflected in the classroom, with patience and respect given to all learner's methods of expressing themselves. They also feel that learning should take place in a welcoming, non-threatening environment. "Learning should be educationally delightful," said Conley. "It should thrill me, and that should carry over to the students, and if it doesn't, it's their loss." He encourages creativity among students

and gives them ample opportunity to share their ideas with the class.

Math is a subject that strikes fear in the hearts of many students. Therefore, math teachers face the challenge of overcoming negative attitudes. It didn't take Vold long to discover that lecturing about mathematical theories wasn't easing anxieties. She changed her methods and witnessed "a 360-degree turnabout overnight," she said. She finds that having students work in small groups is effective. She also favors calling herself a "facilitator" instead of a teacher, meaning that her role is more to guide the class than to control it.

Strassler, who is also an advocate of small groups, feels that technology, such as PowerPoint, is essential for students in the communications field to employ. She commented that today's Gallaudet students in particular have clear goals for the future, and she commended programs for deaf students for preparing them for higher education. **G**



John Wyvill, commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, presented the address at the April 12 President's Scholars Dinner. The event, which was held in the GUKCC ballroom, honors academic achievement among Gallaudet students. A total of 367 students were recognized for meeting the criteria of achieving either the Dean's List or being named President's Cum Laude Scholars or Graduate President's Scholars. Also at the dinner, Dr. Ann Davidson-Powell, chair of the Biology Department, was named 2000 Distinguished Faculty Member.



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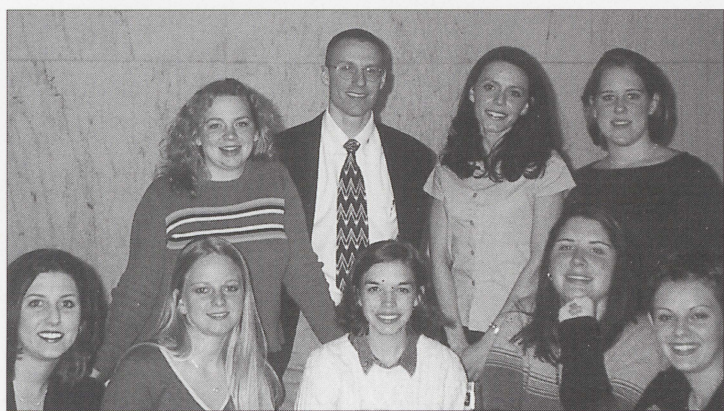
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The second Shared Reading Project, entitled "Keys to Success: Training for Site Coordinators," drew 21 participants from around the country for a one-week training course held at the Conference Center.

Audiology students attend national convention



Graduate audiology students pose for a photo at a banquet during the American Academy of Audiology Convention. From left are: (front row) Jennifer Dickson, Michelle Waters, Jill Johnston, Laura Chetwynd, and Jacqueline Mahler; (back row) Jennifer Mertes, Zachary van der Meer, Jennifer Hutchison, and Elizabeth Hoehl.

By David Tossman
Ten graduate students in Gallaudet's audiology program spent their spring break at the annual American Academy of Audiology Conference in Chicago, Ill. This year's event drew 7,000 practicing clinicians, educators, researchers, students, and manufacturers of hearing aids and other audiology related products. During the conference, the

students had the opportunity to discover the latest technology in the field, review the most recent research studies, and meet leaders in the profession. "It was amazing to be able to network and meet audiologists from across the country and around the world!" commented Jacqueline Mahler, a first-year Au.D Gallaudet student.

The University's Audiology

Department is one of 11 programs nationwide that offer a four-year clinical doctorate degree, which is currently the highest level of clinical audiology training.

Gallaudet's Au.D students are members of the National Association of Future Doctors of Audiology, (NAFDA), which will hold its first national convention this August in the Washington, D.C., area. Dr. Jay Lucker of the Gallaudet audiology program, an expert in family counseling and central auditory processing, will be one of the speakers at the convention. During the event, Gallaudet's Audiology Department is planning an open house for conventioners to see Gallaudet. (Au.D program director Dr. Brandt Culpepper serves on NAFDA's advisory board.)

Second year Au.D student Jennifer Hutchison said, "It is so exciting that the NAFDA convention will be coming to D.C.! Important people in the field of audiology will be there. It should be a wonderful experience for everyone who attends!" **G**



(Top) Nen Daiko, a Japanese taiko drum group, performed its highly visual, energetic songs in Ely Center on March 9. (Above) The campus community had the opportunity to witness the Wong Chinese Lion Troupe perform its exciting lion dance on April 11 in Ely Center as part of Asian American Heritage Month. (Left) Keith Colston, a Native American from Baltimore, Md., was one of several performers at the Multicultural Festival on March 24 in Ely Center. (All of the events were sponsored by the Office for Diversity and Community Relations.)



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Thuan Nguyen—from bleak beginnings to a Gallaudet diploma



Thuan Nguyen

When Thuan Nguyen was nine years old, her parents took her on the long journey from South Vietnam to America for a better life. But, at the time no one was able to communicate to Nguyen what her destination was or the promise that it held because no one in her family knew sign language—they could only gesture.

Nguyen's family had only one way to get out of communist Vietnam—crossing the Pacific Ocean on a small fishing boat. On October 10, 1977, under the cover of darkness, Nguyen, her mother, stepfather, brother, three sisters, uncle, aunt, two cousins, and 18 other people, crowded onto the 35-foot craft. With only rice and water to sustain them, they set sail. Nguyen and most of the people on the boat became seasick after a few days. The

first place the refugees landed was in Thailand, where pirates attempted to rob them. But fortunately, Nguyen's group had stolen guns from the communist soldiers back in Vietnam, and managed to defend themselves.

One week after escaping from Vietnam, the family landed in Malaysia. They spent the next seven months in a refugee camp, where conditions were very bad. Nguyen's mother and uncle became extremely ill and were hospitalized. So her aunt took care of Nguyen and her four siblings most of the time. Fortunately, a group of nuns sponsored the Nguyen family, and on May 2, 1978, they flew to Oregon and a new and better life.

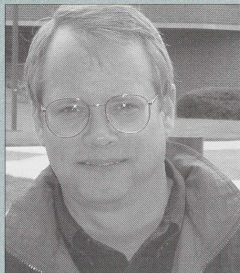
Nguyen's family's escape to freedom has paid off. Nguyen went to the Oregon School for the Deaf and received an education that she never would have received had her family stayed in Vietnam. Nguyen will graduate from Gallaudet with a degree in deaf studies in May. She plans to go to either New York University or Western Oregon University to work on her master's degree, and wants to work with other deaf Asian people, providing hope and inspiration for them. **G**

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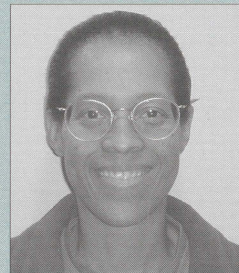
As the academic year is coming to a close, what do you consider one of the most important things you did this year to support students in their academic and extracurricular activities?



Kris Gould, Athletics Department staff
"With help from the Business and Administration Division, the Athletics Department and I worked to get new equipment for the weight room. The students were thrilled when the new cardiovascular equipment arrived last fall."



Chuck Bowie, computer lab supervisor, ITS
"I helped students with their computer needs. I showed them how to use the computer, and helped make sure that students keep up with technology."



Sandy McLennon, assistant professor, Physical Education and Recreation
"I led a self-defense and domestic violence workshop. It impacted a lot of people."



Dr. Kathy Wood, associate professor, English
"I spent the year working to improve the curriculum for English 100, 102—freshman and sophomore courses."

Gallaudet takes prominent role at PeopleSoft meeting

Gallaudet was well represented at the third PeopleSoft Higher Education Users Group meeting in Dallas, Tex., March 12-15. The conference provides an opportunity for representatives of the 427 PeopleSoft Higher Education customers to get together to learn from each other and to work with members of the PeopleSoft development team.

Among the 2,600 people at the conference were the following members of the University community: Brenda Bishop, assistant director of the Admissions Office; Larry Musa, admissions specialist; Nancy Goodman, director of Financial Aid; Marian Dickson, assistant director of Financial Aid; Dr. Kenneth Epstein, project director of Management Information Systems; Anita Fleming, database management specialist in the Development Office; Jean-Pierre Mbei, quality assurance analyst for Information Technology Services; Carol McLaughlin, systems analyst in ITS; and Elaine Vance, manager of benefits, compensation, and records in the Personnel Office.

Epstein was on a panel with members of Northwestern University, James Madison

University, and the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, discussing Campus Connection, the software behind Gallaudet's Gnosis online student information system. Gallaudet became the first university in the world to implement any part of Campus Connection when students were able to view and print their class schedules last fall. The University is continuing to work with PeopleSoft and other schools implementing the system to work out the bugs so that Gallaudet will be able to support online registration, including dropping and adding classes, in the near future.

McLaughlin and Epstein gave a presentation describing the University's implementation project. When Gallaudet began the PeopleSoft project two years ago, it was one of the first schools to implement the Student Administration application. The University's implementation of the full suite of PeopleSoft applications, financials, human resources, student administration, and advancement means that it has experience that is very valuable to other colleges and universities. **G**

Conference promotes Asian deaf community



President Jordan poses with the new Asian Deaf Board members (from left): Mark Tao, LisaAnn Tom, Karen Frohman, Dr. Steve Chough, Cindy Plue, Dr. Jordan, Raja Kushalnagar, Rickey Tom, San Mark Chao, and John Yeh.

By David Tossman
The National Asian Deaf Congress 2000 Conference was held in Arlington, Va., March 28 to April 2. This was the third annual conference of the group, which has as its goal promoting cultural and ethnic pride for the empowerment of Asian deaf and hard of hearing Americans and their families.

The five-day conference had over 350 participants, some com-

ing from as far away as Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, England, and the Philippines for enlightenment from the many activities, which included workshops, speakers, panels, exhibits, and cultural events, including the Miss Asian Deaf Pageant.

Dr. Fred Mangrubang, a ninth-grade teacher at MSSD, served as chair of the conference. "I feel good about how everything turned out," said Mangrubang. "I want to

thank my committees for their hard work, and I would especially like to thank Gallaudet's President's Office for its support. The participants really enjoyed seeing and meeting President Jordan at the banquet on Saturday night!"

Board of Associates Chair and Board of Trustees member John Yeh and Director of Development Catherine Dehoney spoke at a March 30 breakfast about Gallaudet's Capital Campaign. Dr. Frank Wu, a professor at the Howard University School of Law, and Lindsay Dunn, special assistant to the president for Diversity/Community Relations at Gallaudet, also addressed the group.

Wu spoke about Asian stereotypes, such as the ones associated with the recent campaign fundraising scandal, and how it affects the Asian community. Dunn's subject was heroes, role models, and leaders in the Asian community, and how the Asian community's leaders need to develop leadership skills among its younger members in order to help their community become stronger.

Dr. Cindy Plue, a Gallaudet graduate and currently a professor of deaf education at Northern Illinois University and board member of the NADC, gave a workshop on the history of the Asian deaf community. She also presented facts such as which states have the largest Asian deaf populations, and Asian deaf enrollment numbers at various universities, including Gallaudet. According to Plue, the first Asian deaf graduate of Gallaudet was Rosie Fung in 1938.

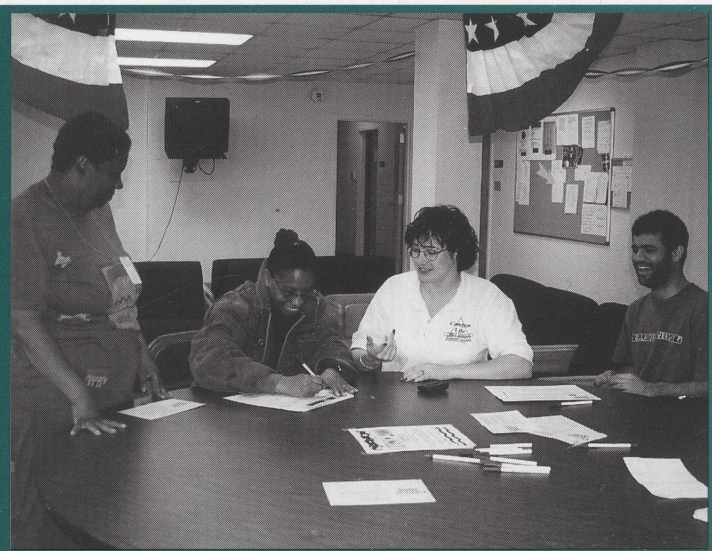
The fourth Asian Deaf Conference will be in 2003 in Honolulu, Hawaii. **G**



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Census enumerator Yvonne Washington (left) assists Gallaudet students with filling out census forms in Peet Hall on April 12. The day was set aside by the Census Bureau to visit special sites such as universities and hospitals to encourage people who have not yet completed the confidential survey to do so. April 1 was the target completion date for Census 2000, but according to Washington, census workers will continue their efforts as long as they can to see that as much of the city's population as possible is represented. (Also pictured is Stephanie Tomardy, administrative secretary for Campus Life, second from right.)



AMONG OURSELVES

Dr. Pia Seagrave, a professor in the English Department, gave an April 6 poetry reading at Azusa Pacific University in California as part of the university's Visiting Artists and Writers Series. She also made a presentation to the General Studies Council on ASL, and as a result, the council passed a proposal to accept ASL as a second language requirement. Seagrave also gave a poetry reading at the Southern Women Writers Conference at Berry College in Mt. Berry, Ga., April 12-16.

Dr. Vinton Cerf, a Board of Trustees member and senior vice-president of Internet architecture and technology for MCI WorldCom, Inc., told a National Science Foundation audience that the next frontier for the Internet

will be on other planets, according to a report in the March 31 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. "... As each NASA mission is launched to Mars and the other planets, we'll bring a little bit of that backbone system and leave it in place ...," said Cerf. He also told the audience that TCP/IP, which he is credited with inventing, has withstood the test of time because it was designed to function with virtually any transmission and communications system.

Sleemo Warigon, director of ITS, received an Outstanding Contributor Award from The Institute of Internal Auditors, for an article he wrote, "Data Warehouse Control and Security," published in the February 1998 issue of *Internal Auditor*.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

The William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer Professorship Committee seeks suggestions from the campus community on potential speakers who should be invited to make presentations on scholarly topics that would be of interest and importance to the University. Nominees should be renowned scholars, and not entertainment or media personalities. Send names to Graduate School and Research Dean Thomas Allen.

Check out 'On the Green's' Web version

Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week's issue of *On the Green* can also be read in *On the Green's* Web version, the online version of Gallaudet's faculty/staff newsletter. *On the Green's* Web version can be accessed through the University's homepage.



WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

(Note: for more information about University athletic events, call the Athletics Department at x5603; for MSSD athletic events, call x5361.)

April

28-Undergraduate Open House for prospective students, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., for more information, call x5114 (TTY) or x5750 (V)

May:

1-Classes end

2-Study day

3-6-Final exams

7-Dorms close at noon

8-All grades due from faculty by 4 p.m.

11-Graduate School awards and hooding ceremony, 4 p.m., Elstad Auditorium, no tickets required

12-Commencement, Field House, 1:30 p.m., tickets required.